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Protonic Acid Group, and Ion)	
Conductive Polymer Membrane, Binder)	
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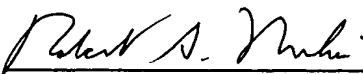
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